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(C) MFA Balkans Department Head Ilhan Saygili told us that the GOT has not officially adopted a decision on the Kosovo ICJ Resolution. Nevertheless, the Balkans Department has drafted a proposal that Turkey vote against the resolution as well as actively advocate for a similar vote from other countries which have recognized Kosovo while encouraging against abstention. Saygili noted that as UNGA quorum is determined by the total number of affirmative or negative votes cast, an abstention would be as counterproductive as a 'yes.'

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